SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 896

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to commend Jennifer Kay Pinho for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, eager to further familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Jennifer Kay Pinho brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Pinho has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Roy Herron, her work resulting in innumerable benefits for the legislators she has assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinho was born on January 22, 1989, to Suzie Holden Whitten and Joseph Manuel Pinho; and

WHEREAS, she is a 2007 graduate of Cordova High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Memphis, where she was highly regarded by her peers, was named to the Dean's List, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* in political science; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Pinho previously served with acumen and alacrity as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Towns, Chairman Les Winningham, and the Education K12 Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to hard work, Ms. Pinho also has worked for various businesses and has excelled in each of those settings; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Ms. Pinho has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious public servant; and

WHEREAS, when Senator Herron's administrative assistant unexpectedly departed, Ms. Pinho had to assume responsibilities far beyond those of other interns, working diligently to serve the citizens of the 24th Senatorial District and other Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinho has personally managed and faithfully led the program of pages coming to work with Senator Herron and the Senate, communicating with and enabling and leading more pages than probably the rest of the General Assembly combined; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinho has worked closely with Senator Herron in pursuing his legislation, in improving legislation that needed amending, and in helping stop legislation she and Senator Herron believed not in the best interest of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinho has repeatedly demonstrated exceptional intelligence and talent; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Pinho has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jennifer Kay Pinho for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Roy Herron and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.